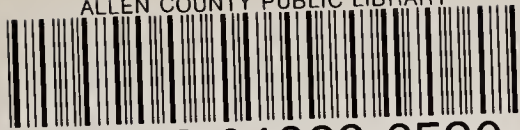


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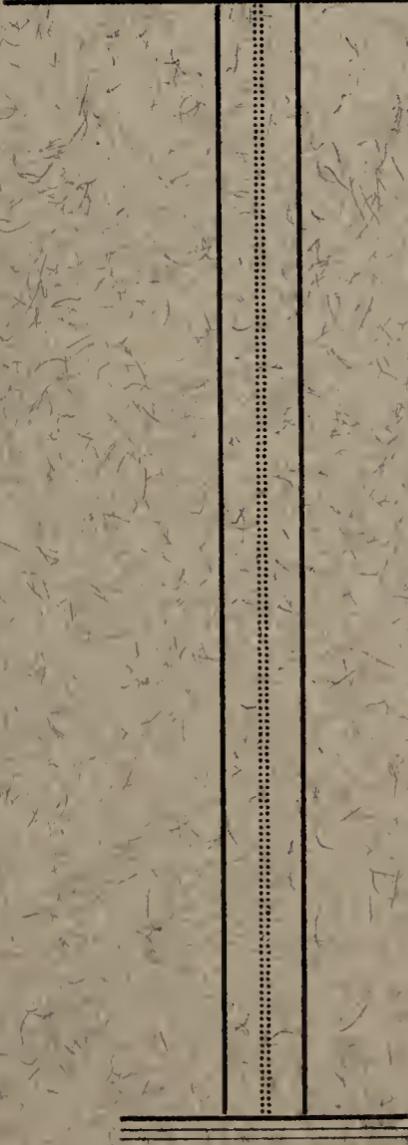
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In Commemoration

of the

100th

One Hundreth Anniversary

of the

Immigration

of the

Groth Brothers

Celebrated at Cedarburg, Wisconsin, September 6, 1942

Introduction

(*Preface*)



This Chronicle of the family and descendants of Christian Groth has been compiled to meet the wishes of many of the participants in the Centennial Celebration held at Cedarburg, September 6, 1942, in commemoration of the arrival of the four Groth brothers, Ludwig, Martin, Ferdinand and Wilhelm, who came to this country from Germany in 1842.

The "family trees" exhibited at this celebration, showing the families and descendants of the brothers, aroused great interest, recalling to mind almost forgotten relatives and bringing back many fond recollections associated with them.

Inquiries concerning copies of the charts were numerous, and advance orders for over one hundred copies induced the committee in charge of the Centennial to publish a booklet featuring the genealogical chart. It is hoped that this booklet not only will make interesting reading, but that it will serve to revive and strengthen bonds between relatives who in the course of years may have drifted apart.

The charts as presented at the Centennial were far from complete, as indicated by the many names and supplementary information offered by guests at the celebration. Since then the committee has carefully revised the charts and made many additions and corrections, and it is hoped that the chart or family records as appearing in the booklet are fairly accurate and complete. In order to keep the cost of the pamphlet as low as possible, the part containing the family chart has been mimeographed instead of printed.

The writer is grateful to all who assisted him in completing the chart. He personally assumes sole responsibility, however, for its accuracy and completeness.

He especially wishes to thank the Reverend Raymond Groth, who ably assisted in revising the historical sketch of the Groth family.

Christian Groth---Christina, his wife

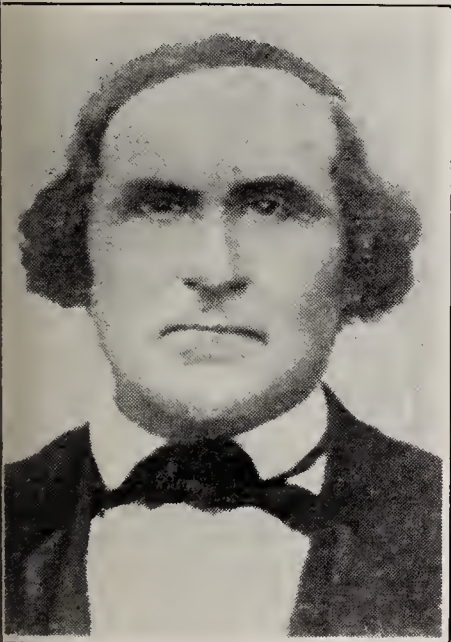
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Died in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, 1856

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Born December 6, 1812
Died March, 1850

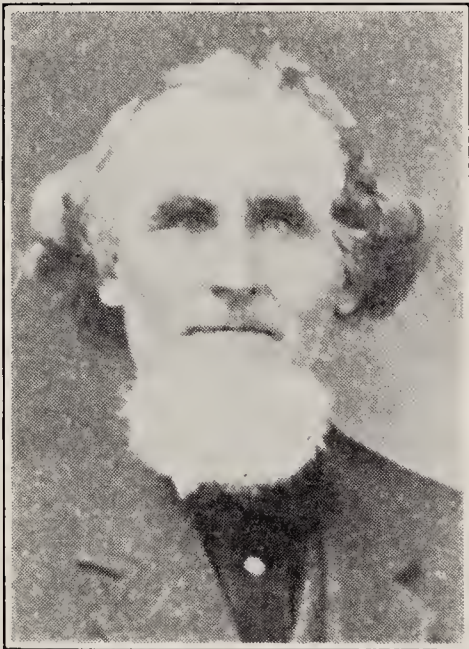
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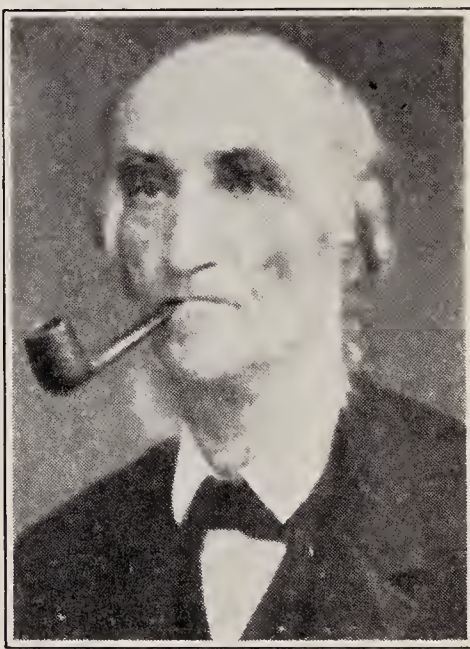
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Born April, 1815
Died January 6, 1892



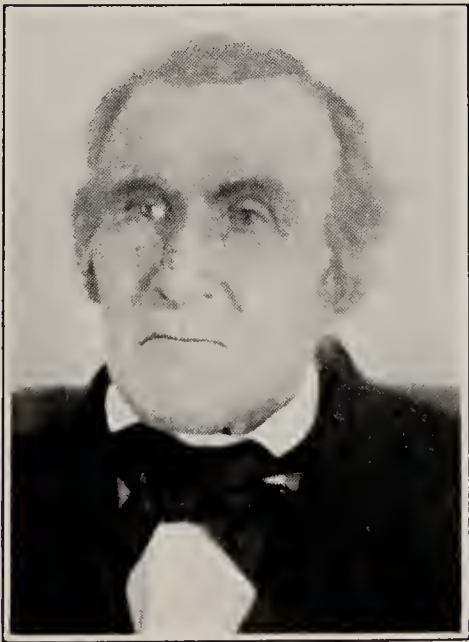
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Died May 27, 1895
Living—Mrs. Aug. Groth



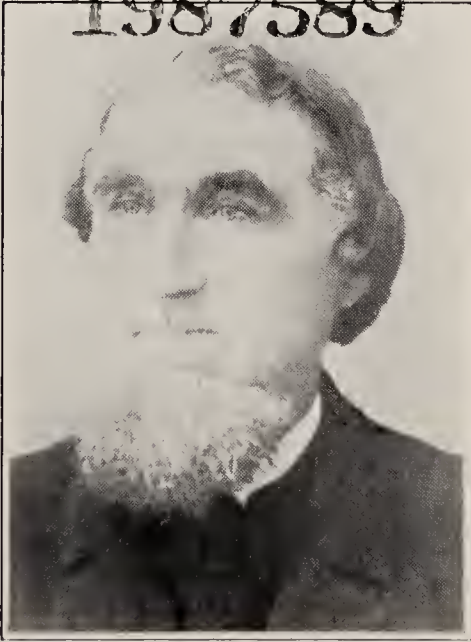
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Born February 26, 1822
Died January 12, 1905
Living—Mrs. Bertha Wendt



Ferdinand

Born October 13, 1824
Died January 14, 1901
Living—Ferd. Groth
—Mrs. Ida Hoppe
Bertha Groth



Wilhelm

Born February 23, 1827
Died August 10, 1903

1861-18-1892
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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND MIGRATION

From the records on hand, the Groth family can be traced to Christian Groth, his wife, six sons and one daughter. Before they emigrated to America they lived in Treptow, Germany, a village in northern Prussia not far from the Baltic Sea. They owned land and were in good circumstances. They were staunch Lutherans and belonged to a group known as the Old Lutherans (Altlutheraner). At that time Rationalism prevailed in Germany and the rulers were bound to suppress the revival of true Lutheranism. Its faithful preachers and leaders, among whom were Pastor Adolph Kindermann, Pastor Johannes Grabau, Captain Heinrich Von Rohr and others, met with bitter scorn, persecution and imprisonment. The oppression became more and more unbearable, and emigration seemingly was the only avenue open for these people.

After much deliberation and prayer, the Groth family resolved to emigrate to America. The chief reason for taking this step of leaving their Fatherland was their sincere adherence to the Lutheran faith as contained in the Word of God, the Old and New Testaments and as set forth and confessed in the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church. They felt in duty bound to emigrate and look for a country where this Lutheran faith was not endangered and where they could serve God undisturbed in a way as revealed and ordained by Him, and where they could enjoy, without being interfered with, the means of grace ordained by God for all men's salvation and preserve them in their integrity and purity for themselves and their children. The country offering them this freedom was the United States of America. There as nowhere else in the world pure religion and liberty could prosper and grow, for the constitution of this new and promising land guaranteed it.

THE VOYAGE

Being fully determined to emigrate to the United States, they selected Wisconsin as their destination. In making this selection they were guided by the favorable reports received from others who had in 1839 settled Freistadt in Ozaukee County, twenty miles northwest of Milwaukee. This section,

according to the reports as to soil, climate, and other natural features and advantages, seemed to be what they wanted. They immediately began their preparations for the journey to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States of America. Evidently their passport gave them transportation all the way to Milwaukee.

We have no record of the exact date of their departure, nor do we know the name of the ship in which they come over. However, it is known that they embarked in Spring of 1842 at Kammin, a seaport on the Baltic Sea. Only Ludwig, Martin, Ferdinand, Wilhelm, and their sister Christine with her husband John Suelflow and their two children Friedrich and Minna left at this time. The parents and two other sons, John and Friedrich, who were in military training, were to follow a few years later. Fully provided with the necessary funds to purchase land for homesteads and with the most necessary household goods and tools, they left their homes and friends for America. According to tradition they were enroute for more than two months before they arrived at New York. What storms and hardships they encountered on the waters is not recorded. However, one thing occurred on the way which filled them all with gloom and sorrow. Mrs. Suelflow died on the ship while giving birth to her third child, which died shortly after its delivery. Both mother and child were buried at sea.

Arriving in New York they continued their journey up the Hudson River to Albany by steamboat. We may assume that the trip from Albany to Buffalo was made by train. From Buffalo to Milwaukee they traveled again by steamboat via the Great Lakes.

SETTLED IN CEDARBURG

Immediately upon their arrival in Milwaukee they set out upon a scouting trip prospecting the wilds and came to their friends in Freistadt. From there they went northwest and came to the banks of a creek now known as Cedar Creek. They saw at a glance that this site offered many advantages. The creek would furnish power for manufacturing. It was only a short distance from the road leading to Milwaukee, which would be their nearest market place. They found springs of good clear drinking water and the soil was fertile and well drained. The place appealed to them very much and they decided to settle there. Returning to Milwaukee they bought wagons, oxen, and other domestic animals and set out for their newly selected home. Resolute and determined, with no alternative before them, they applied themselves to the building of homes and the clearing and cultivation of the soil. They went at their

new tasks not as prospectors or experimenters but as good farmers, determined to keep possession of their land and abandoning forever the idea of ever returning to Germany. They believed firmly that God had brought them hither and that He would guide them further and help and protect them as they began their new life in the wilderness of Wisconsin.

LAND TRANSACTIONS FROM LEGAL RECORDS

Ludwig Groth bought from George B. Warren, a government land agent, October 22, 1842, the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. E. quarter and the S. E. quarter of Section 27, Township 10 Range 21 E. in the Milwaukee Land District, price \$925.00; from John Dacy, February 21, 1846 the N. E. quarter of the S. W. quarter of Section 34, Township 10 north, Range 21 E., price \$90.00; from Simon Cocoran the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. E. quarter of Section 34, Township 10 north, Range 21 E.

Ludwig Groth and Caroline Groth, his wife, sold to Frederick Hilgen and William Schroeder, September 4, 1844, 35.81 acres, price \$77.52; to Frederick W. Horn, September 30, 1847, 200 acres.

John Groth bought from George Mauley and Elizabeth Mauley, his wife, November 9, 1843, the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S. E. quarter of Section 27, 80 acres, Township 9 north, Range 21 E. Price \$775.00. From William Jaeger, April 22, 1845,—a part of the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S. E. quarter of Section 27 of Township 9, 18 acres. Price \$90.00.

Ferdinand Groth bought from John Miller and Louise Miller, his wife, August 20, 1844 the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. E. quarter of Section 3, Township 9 north, Range 21 E. — 69.10 acres and also the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S. E. quarter of Section 34, Township 10 north, Range 21 E.—80 acres. Price \$1300.00. A map of the Town of Cedarburg shows that he owned other tracts of land which he bought in the course of time presumably with the intention of providing his sons with homesteads.

Friedrich Groth bought from Barnett Clow, March 2, 1847 the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. E. quarter, 80 acres, of Section 3, Township 9 Range 21 E. Price \$650.00.

Martin Groth owned a part of the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. E. quarter of Section 27, Township 10 Range 21 E. A map of the City of Cedarburg shows that this land is now partly laid out in City lots.

Wilhelm Groth owned the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. W. quarters of Section 27, Township 10 Range 21 E. — 80 acres — adjoining Martin Groths property on the west. The present occupant of this property is John Dietrich.

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GENEALOGICAL TABLE

CHRISTIAN GROTH

LUDWIG JOHANN FRIEDRICH MARTIN

FERDINAND

WILHELM

LUDWIG GROTH --- CAROLINA NEE DOBBERPUHL

FRANZ L. GROTH^D - JOHANNA NEE RADUE^D

WILLIAM A. GROTH^D - THERESA NEE ZIEMER

HARVEY GROTH - MARIE NEE KRONE

EUGENIE GROTH^D - WALTER LUEDER

LUCILLE - EUNICE

MELVIN GROTH - BETTIE NEE KRAUSE

RAYMOND - ROBERT - CAROLINE

ROLAND GROTH - HELGA NEE LARSEN

ANNA GROTH - REINHOLD KUNDE

ELIZABETH KUNDE - PASTOR A. DIEMER

JOEL - MARK

GUSTAV C. GROTH - AMANDA NEE GRUHL

CORNELIA - L. L. FREEMAN

WALDEMAR - EUNICE NEE NECKERMANN

CLARENCE - NADINE NEE WOOD

PAUL - DAVID

EDGAR - JEAN NEE KLEIST

PETER MICHAEL

DOROTHY - HERBERT FLEISCHER

HELENA GROTH - FERDINAND GROTH
ERWIN - BEATA NEE HEIDTKE
MELITA - RUDOLPH HEIDTKE
LENORA - PASTOR WILLIAM HEIDTKE
ELSA - PAUL ZIEMER

LIESETTA GROTH - GEORGE THUMSTEDTER
MARTHA - PAUL KLANN
LARRY
GERHARD
RUTH

OTTO J. GROTH^D - IDA NEE BUBLITZ^D
LESTER - QUINDARO NEE REED
PETER - FRANZ
QUINDARO - ANNE
GERTRUDE - MELVIN BREHSMER
CAROLYN
WENDY
VICTORIA

ARTHUR J. GROTH - ALICE NEE KASTEN
META - WALTER GRIESE
WALTER
ESTHER - BEN ZINDARS
SHIRLEY

BERTHA GROTH - AUGUST ZIEMER^D
ANNA ZIEMER - AUGUST DOBBERPUHL^D
RUDOLPH^D - HILDA NEE BERNDT
HAROLD - ANITA NEE LINDNER
LUELLA - CLARENCE DAMROW
HARVEY - SELMA NEE GROTH
ALFRED
ARDELL
FLORA - ARTHUR PROCHNOW
MARVIN - EVELYN NEE WILHELME
PALMER - EDNA NEE MAAS
LOIS

IDA ZIEMER^D - THEODORE BUBLITZ^D
ZENO - EULA NEE STARK
VICTOR

ALVINA ZIEMER^D - FRANK HEMMANN^D

THEODORE ZIEMER - IDA NEE MARQUARDT

ADELINE ZIEMER - CHARLES STROEDE
GERALDINE
BERNICE

ELLA ZIEMER - WILLIAM KLUG

CARL GROTH^D - MARIE NEE SPUHL^D

HEINRICH - WILHELMINE NEE MATTER

ALINDA - ALBERT SCHULTZ

ALLEN - WAYNE

NORMA - MELVIN SCHULTZ

EUGENE

MILTON

RUTH

ALICE

CAROL-ANN

ADOLPH - LEONA NEE RAMSDELL

ROGER

MARCELLA

THEODORE GROTH - BERTHA NEE MACHEL

WALTER - FRIEDA NEE KURTZ

FRANCES

ALICE - MORGAN NYBERG

ARNOLD - MRS. GROTH (DECEASED)

HAROLD

BERTHOLD GROTH - LENA NEE ERDMANN

EVELYN^D

LEONA - HENRY SCHALENVOGT

HELEN JOYCE

SHERMAN ROSSILE

FREDERICK - IONA NEE GLASSER

MARCUS

ALLEN

FRANZ GROTH - ALVINA NEE ERDMANN

HERBERT - ELFRIEDA NEE HOPPE

HOWARD

ESTHER - ELMER RHEINGANS

HAROLD

ELMER

ROBERT

REINHARD - ELSIE NEE POLZIN

NORBERT

ADELA GROTH

EDNA GROTH - FRED CLAIR

ROSALINE GROTH^D - ALBERT LAABS^D

FRANK LAABS^D - ELLA MAGRUETZ

FLORENCE - FRED KELLER

FRANKLIN

ELMER - MILDRED NEE CORK

ROBERT

DELPHINE

ARTHUR LAABS - MINNIE NEE FREYER

LILLIAN HOFFMANN

EDWARD LAABS^D - IRMA NEE AHLERS

CHRISTINE - JOHN WITTENBERG

SANDRA

ELLEN

ARLINE

IRMA LAABS - CHARLES TRUPKE (2ND MARRIAGE)

CAROL

CAROLINE GROTH - JOHANN KRESSIN (2ND MARRIAGE)

WILHELM KRESSIN^D - ANNA NEE LIESENER^D

LYDIA KRESSIN - ED. HOFFMANN

ALMA KRESSIN - PASTOR BERNHARD ZIEMER^D

WILBERT - PAULINA NEE VOLLBRECHT

DONALD

ROBERT

MILTON - ANITA NEE MANTHEI

SANDRA

THOMAS

ELMER - ERNA NEE KRUEGER

KENNETH

GLADYS - ALBERT BETHKE

DAVID

DENNIS

PAUL - MARTHA NEE HOESSEL

RICHARD

JAMES

RAHEL

SYLVIA

BEN - NORMA NEE MERKLEIN

JOHN

MARY ANN

ELLA KRESSIN

AMANDA KRESSIN

ADA KRESSIN - FERD. SCHWANTES

FREDERICK - ELEONOR NEE NAUERTZ

JOHN KRESSIN - BERTHA NEE DOBBERPUHL

DELLA KRESSIN - ALBERT LIESENBERG

ALICE - JOHN BAUM

ROBERT

DORIS

DONALD

* ALLEN

EDGAR - FRIEDA NEE MUEHLEISEN

VERNON

EDGAR

JUDITH

LILLIAN - OSWALD WEBER

INA KRESSIN - ERNST SCHNEIDER

ARTHUR HANSCHKE - MARION NEE HINZ

MARY JEAN

IRENE KRESSIN - THEODORE LENNARTZ

MARIAN

JOHN - ILEEN NEE JOHNSON

JIMMY

MARY-ANN

ELMER KRESSIN - BUNITA NEE BENZEE

MARYLYN

DONALD

LAVONNE

BRUCE

ALWINA KRESSIN^D - KARL MIELKE^D

ARTHUR MIELKE

IDA^D MIELKE

ADOLPH MIELKE

EDWIN MIELKE - TILLIE NEE KLOTZ

REINHOLD MIELKE

AMANDA - HERBERT GRISAR

ARNO MIELKE

JOHN GROTH - WILHELMINE NEE JAEGER

FRIEDRICH GROTH - DOROTHEA NEE SUELFLOW

FRANZ GROTH^D - MARIE NEE KUEHL^D

ROBERT, ELLA, REINHOLD, HEINRICH, IDA

AUGUST GROTH^D - JOHANNA NEE BRUSS

BERNARD GROTH - HELENA NEE KNUTH

LOUISE

CLARA GROTH - JOHN GOOS

MARGARET - JOHN KOEPPEN

JEANNETTE

GERALD

OTILIE GROTH - JACOB W. NIEMANN

ARTHUR - LEONA NEE WILLY

ROBERT

JACK

EDNA - WALTER NEITZEL

RICHARD

CLARENCE - FLORENCE NEE SCHOENFELD

KENT

JOYCE

LORETTA - LESLIE COULSON

LESLIE

THOMAS

RUTH - FLOYD JACKSON

ALFRED GROTH - ALICE NEE JOUNGQUIST

EMERALD - ELSIE NEE FINK

CASOL

BARBARA

SIDNEY - CLARA NEE CLARIE

ARLINE

ELLA GROTH - REINHOLD HILLE

ARMIN - WILMA NEE LYON

JEAN

MARGARET HILLE

JOHANN GROTH - WILHELMINE NEE BRENDENUEHL

EDWARD GROTH - MINNIE NEE GIERACH

ERNA - ALBERT RADTKE

ELLA - ARNOLD AHLERS

MARLENE

SELMA - HARVEY DOBBERPUHL

ARTHUR GROTH - (NO RECORD)

AMANDA GROTH - HERMAN HOPPE

ELFRIEDA - HERBERT GROTH

HOWARD

ANITA^D

KARL GROTH^D

WILHELM GROTH - MARIE NEE BRUSS

THEODORE GROTH^D - SOPHIA NEE KNUTH

EDNA - WILHELM NEAKRANS

PAUL

VICTOR - ALINDA NEE KIRSCHMANN

EARL

GLENN

RUDOLPH - MYRTLE NEE THIEL

DAN

LAVONNE

JOHANNA - ALBERT SCHUETT

RALPH

CAROL

ALVIN - VIOLA NEE THIEL

SHARON

LYDIA GROTH - EDWARD UTTECH

ARMIND^D, ALVIN^D, ARTHUR^D, WALTER^D

EDWARD - LINDA NEE STRACK

MARVIN

ANNA GROTH^D - HEINRICH BRUSS

CHRISTIANA - WILHELM SCHEER

DELORES

HENRIETTA - EDWIN SCHEER

EDWARD

EDNA

HILDA - HERBERT MENTZEL

HERBERT, JR.

ALLEN

ADELINE - RUDOLPH UNTEUTSCH

MAY CAREL

ELMER JENICE

LYDIA - LAVERN HILTY
LEONARD GROTH - IDA NEE YERSHEFSKE
WALTER

EDMUND GROTH^D - LOUISE NEE PICK
WILHELM

OLGA GROTH^D
AUGUSTA GROTH^D

WILHELMINE GROTH - HEINRICH ERDMANN^D

OLGA ERDMANN - G. SCHWERIN

ZELPHA - JOHN EICHHORST

AMOS - META NEE SIELAFF

LEONARD ERDMANN - ELSA NEE HANETER

HENRY - RUTH NEE FROEMMING

JOHN

EVE

ELOISE

IRENE - EDWARD HAASE

FRIEDA - NILES WIESGERDER

DONNA

JEAN

VICTOR - LILLIAN NEE HAASE

VERNE - JEANNETTE NEE HAFERMANN

EVELYN - RICHARD WIEDEMANN

GERALD

THOMAS

WALTER ERDMANN - MINNIE NEE SCHWERIN

RAYMOND - MARIAN NEE CLARK

ROBERT

ELLA - AUGUST BLANK

LARRY

SUSANNE

ARTHUR ERDMANN

CLARENCE - HILDA NEE RYF

AMY ERDMANN^D

ALVIN - JUNE NEE SCHNEIDER

GERALD

WALLACE ERDMANN^D

WALTER ERDMANN^D

DOROTHY ERDMANN

MARTIN GROTH - DOROTHEA NEE HACKBARTH

FRANZ GROTH^D - HENRIETTA NEE KRUEGER^D

JOHN GROTH^D

CLARA GROTH

FRED GROTH

JOHANNA GROTH^D

WILLIE GROTH^D

C. FRED GROTH^D - WILHELMINE NEE KURTH^D

WILHELMINE GROTH - WILHELM KRINGEL

ALBERTINE KRINGEL - RICHARD KLUGE

ELSIE KLUGE - HERBERT KLEIN

FRANK KRINGEL^D - IDA NEE HECKENDORF

HERTHA - EDGAR KASTEN

KENNETH

NORMA - HUGO BUTT

RUBIN KRINGEL

GERHARD KRINGEL

LORRAINE KRINGEL

MILDRED KRINGEL

ANITA KRINGEL

MARVIN KRINGEL

FRANKLIN KRINGEL

EDNA KRINGEL

MAX KRINGEL - ALMA NEE HECKENDORF

HILDA K. - CLARENCE FISCHER

EDWIN KRINGEL

ALBERTINE GROTH - WILLIAM KOEPSSELL

BERNHARD KOEPSSELL^D - ANNA NEE BUTZKE

ALFRED - EDITH NEE CARLSON

DOUGLAS

RALSTON

VIOLA - GLENN TRIP

BARBARA

PHILIPP - CELIA NEE SEVERSON

PHILLIS

CAROL

KAREN

HERBERT - MARIE NEE HANNAH
DIXIE
VERNA - D. W. HORSTMAN
CLAYTON JERRY

EMMA KOEPSSELL - RAY LASLEY
VERNE
KLEO

MAX KOEPSSELL - ELLA NEE BUTZKE
JULIA - ALBERT GRAESE
LEROY
SILVIA
ALBERT - LYDIA NEE WULFF
LUELLA
EWALD - SELMA NEE WULFF

IDA KOEPSSELL - FRED HOLDORF
WALTER - AUGUSTA NEE HORMBASTEL
ARLINE
ELDON
HILDA - WILLIAM VOLTZ
ORVELLE
DELORIS
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ALICE

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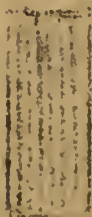
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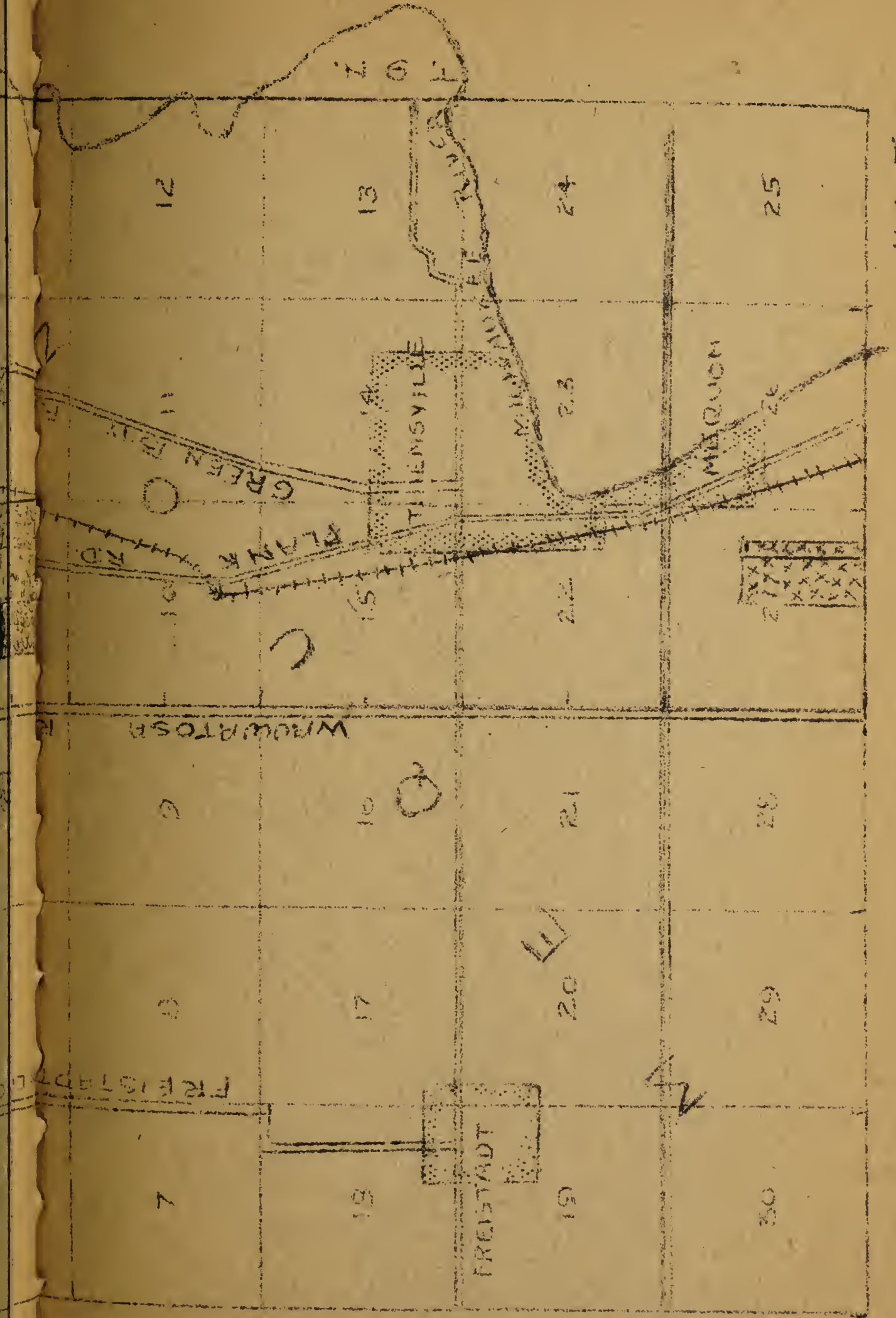
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OLGA - FRANK HANEY

TILLIE - MAX KAMM

HENRY - VIELLA NEE HILL
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ALBERT - LINDA NEE KLARVITTER
MERWYN

FRED - ROSALIE NEE HILL

ELLA - EDMUND KLAUSER
ARLISS
ALLEN

ESTHER HOLDORF
REINHOLD HOLDORF
IDALL HOLDORF

ALVINA KOEPSSELL - HERMAN GLUHM
CLARENCE
WILBUR
ILA

WILLIAM KOEPSSELL - LENA NEE BUTZKE
ELMER
HARVEY

LENA KOEPSSELL

CAROLINE GROTH^D - FRED BEHM^D

FRANK BEHM - EMMA NEE SCHULTZ

LAURA - CARL BRUEGGEMAN
LOWELL
BEVERLY
AVIS

PHILIPP - JOYCE NEE HARBERT
LYLE
ARDELL

LEON - MURIEL NEE GENZLINGER

DORIS

PATTY ANN

VICTOR - ALICE NEE DEVOLK

VIRGINIA

WILLIAM BEHM^D

LUCILLE - PAUL SWAIN

LEE ANN

ALFRED

THEODORE BEHM - LAURA NEE VOELKER^D

CLARENCE BEHM

ALTHER - FRANK E. HOFFMANN

DONALD

LAURIS

WAYNE

JOANNE

PAUL BEHM

NORMA - STEVE YASHINSKY

JENEEN

CAROLINE - HENRY CZAPLOWSKI

THEODORE BEHM - AMANDA NEE RAPPOLD
(2ND MARRIAGE)

EDWARD BEHM^D

CLARA BEHM - HENRY W. GRAESE

ERWIN - HILDEGARD NEE SPIELER

NANDY RAY

ERWIN RICHARD

JUDITH ANN

CHARLOTTE

NORBERT - ANITA BELL NEE WAGERS

HAZEL - CLIFFORD HAST

CHARLES BEHM - MARTHA NEE KOEPSSELL

RUTH - ARNOLD MARTIN

EUGENE

JOHANNA - ERWIN MARTIN

EARL - EDITH NEE KOEPSSELL

ARTHUR BEHM - FRIEDA NEE WULFF

GILBERT

SYLVIA

ELLA

GEORGE BEHM - HATTIE HICKENDORF

ELMER - RUTH NEE PROCHNOW

WALTER - ILMA NEE WOLFGAM

LILLIE - EDMUND SUBLITZ

ANITA^D

MELVIN

MARY BEHM - BERNARD KURTH

HAROLD

BERNARD

JAMES

BERTHA GROTH - CARL WENDT

WILLIAM WENDT - ELLA NEE KELSCH

VIOLA

THELMA - NORMAN SCHOWALTER

HENRY WENDT - LYDIA NEE KURTH

BERNARD

LOUISE WENDT^D - THEODORE STEFFEN

HILDA

CARL

FLORENCE

WALTER WENDT - BEULA NEE RICHARDSEN

CARL

KATHERINE - JOHN KETCHUM

SHIRLEY

EDWARD WENDT - EMMA NEE KURTH

DOROTHY^D

ARTHUR WENDT - ALICE NEE SCHLOEMER

WALTER

FERDINAND GROTH - MRS. NEE DOBBERPUHL

WILHELMINE GROTH^D - JOHN ERDMANN^D

GUSTAVE ERDMANN^D - ALBERTINA NEE ZEINERT

ERVIN - CLARA NEE REHBEIN

FRANCES - LOUIS SCHROEDER

JOHN

ANTON - ELSIE NEE BROWN

JAMES

GENE

EMMA - LLOYD WIDRICK

HERBERT

ADOLPH

HATTIE - OTTO ECKSTEIN

EDNA - ERNST ZIMDARS

JANICE

HELEN

JUNE - RAY SCHMUDE

ERVIN

BETTY SUE

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ORVILLE

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NORMAN - ESTHER NEE MUTTART

JANE

JOHN

RICHARD

MARY

CLARA - EDWARD WEBER

JANE

VERA

OTTO ERDMANN - ANNA NEE ZEINERT

Y DORA - EDWARD SCHNEIDER

DONALD

JUNE - LAVERNE SWENSON

KAREN

ANN

HUGO - MARJORIE NEE HEIDT

LOUIS

MAVIS

JOSEPH - LAURA NEE SCHWANDNER

ALICE

DAVID

JOHN - HILDA NEE SCHWANDNER

PAUL ERDMANN

WILHELM GROTH^D

MARTHA GROTH^D - WILLIAM ERDMANN^D

ALVINA ERDMANN - FRANK GROTH

HERBERT

ESTHER

REINHARD

ROBERT ERDMANN - SARAH NEE BENNAD

MARTHA WILLIAM

ROBERTA MARY RUTH

HULDA ERDMANN - WILLIAM ERDMANN

WILLIAM ERDMANN - EMMA NEE ERDMANN^D

CLARENCE - HELEN NEE NADOLNY

WILLIAM

GERALD

WILLIAM ERDMANN - ROSE NEE MARQUARDT

MARGARET (2ND MARRIAGE)

MARCELLA

THEODORE ERDMANN - MARION NEE EASTMANN

DONALD

JEAN

EARL

ELENORE ERDMANN - HENRY MOORHEAD

HARRIS

BURTON

MARVIN

LYDIA ERDMANN - ERNST BOWERS

GEORGE

EVELINE

LILLIAN

MARTHA ERDMANN - ALBERT BOWERS

BERNICE

FERDINAND GROTH - MRS. NEE HABECK (2ND MARRIAGE)

JOHN GROTH^D - MATHILDA NEE EICKSTEDT^D

LOUIS - CHRISTINA NEE RHEINGANS
ARNOLD - SELMA NEE JAEGER

ALBERT GROTH^D

THEODORE GROTH

ARTHUR GROTH - ANNA NEE SCHREIBER
ROLAND - LYDIA NEE BOSCH

HEINRICH - EMMA NEE SCHREIBER
CELIA - ARTHUR WENDTLAND
ELEANOR
HARVEY^D
EDWARD
PALMER

PAUL GROTH

WALTER - ERNA NEE KRAUSE VOGEL
LORETTA V. - EARL RETZLAFF
LOIS
ETHEL VOGEL
GLADYS VOGEL
MARION

ALMA GROTH - LOUIS KASTEN
GLADYS
LESTER
LUCILLE

REV. RAYMOND GROTH - VERA NEE
PETERSON

FERDINAND GROTH-CHRISTINE NEE NAULIN(3RD MARRIAGE)

ERNEST GROTH^D

HERMAN GROTH^D - AMALIA NEE MAASS^D

LEONARD

EDNA - TAYLOR^D

EDMUND

GEORGE

CELIA - MOORE

CARL GROTH^D

ANNA GROTH^D - AUGUST HOYER

IRMA

VALESKA

KURT

WALDEMAR

MAGGIE

FRIEDERICKA GROTH^D - WILLIAM KURTZ^D

HENRY KURTZ - LUCY NEE TEWS

LUCY

VICTORIA

MABEL

ELEANORE KURTZ - WILLIAM KRUEGER

GERTRUDE - MARVIN H. GROTH

LUCILLE

WILLIAM, JR.

DONALD^D

THEODORE KURTZ - ELLA NEE RIEBE

WILLIS

GLADYS - WALLACE W. FRANCIS

ORVILLE

CAROL

WYMAN

EDWIN KURTZ, PH. D. - FLORENCE NEE WARNER

JEAN

MARY ANN

EDWIN, JR.

MARJORIE LOU

RICHARD KURTZ - ANNA NEE TEWS

ALDA - EDWARD RAPPOLD

CELIA, DORIS

FRIEDA KURTZ - WALTER GROTH

ELMER W. KURTZ - TILLIE NEE REINER

EMILIE GROTH^D

FERDINAND GROTH - HELENA NEE GROTH

ERWIN GROTH - BEATA NEE HEIDTKE

ETHEL - CHARLES DENOW

WAYNE

FRANKLIN

LILLIAN

MYRTLE

DORIS

MAE

MELITA GROTH - RUDOLPH HEIDTKE

FREDERICK

ROBERT

DAVID

LEONORA GROTH - REV. WILLIAM HEIDTKE

MARIANNA

HAZEL

ELSA GROTH - PAUL ZIEMER

LEONARD

JASPER

URBAN

BERNHARD GROTH - JOSEPHINE (1ST WIFE)^D

MAGGIE (2ND WIFE)^D

IDA GROTH - WILLIAM HOPPE^D

DONA HOPPE - FRED KRUEGER

GLORIA

DORIS

FREDRICK

FRANKLIN

WAYNE

BRUNO HOPPE - ANITA NEE KAFEHL

WILHELM GROTH - FRIEDERIKE NEE JAHN

MARIE GROTH^D - JOHN F. BRUSS, SR.^D

JOHN R. BRUSS - IDA NEE BEHM^D

ERVIN - CHLOE NEE BUCKERT

JOHN

GENE

JOHN R. BRUSS - LOUISE NEE MEMMLER

(2ND MARRIAGE)

LEONARD BRUSS^D - LYDIA NEE LAUTERBACH

ARTHUR - LEONA NEE VALEDA

LEONA

EDGAR

EMMA BRUSS - RICHARD SCHULTRICH

WERNER - GENENAVERE NEE MORRIS

RUTH

ESTHER - ARTHUR DUNNKOELER

ANNE

LEONA

ALICE

THEODORE BRUSS^D - GESENA NEE BOERNER

FREDERICK

MARGARETHE

ALMA BRUSS^D

LAURA BRUSS^D

IDA BRUSS - GEORGE SCHLAGETER

GEORGE, JR.

ALBERT BRUSS - ADELINE NEE SETZER

MAY^D

ELIZABETH GROTH^D - GOTTFRIED BRUSS^D

ANNA BRUSS - HENRY KOEGLER

ELMER - ELFINE NEE BENNEK

CARL - MARY NEE MORRIS

RICHARD

LEONA - LYLE HUTTON

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SELMA BRUSS - ALFRED MINZLAFF

MARGARETHE - KENNETH BEVINGTON

PATRICIA

ETHEL

CARL

BENJAMIN GROTH^D - THERESA NEE KANNENBERG^D

GEORGE GROTH

ADA GROTH - RUDOLPH MASS

RAYMOND

DOROTHY

HERBERT - JULIA NEE MICHALEK

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OTTO A. GROTH - AMANDA NEE TEWS

OSCAR²

MARVIN - GERTRUDE NEE KRUEGER

EDWIN J. GROTH - HATTIE NEE BORNEMANN

HAROLD - DOROTHY WORDELL

JERON - EUGENE - FREDRICK

NORMA - ALLEN MORTIMER
ROLAND
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ARLIN - NIEL GRUBBER
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EMMA GROTH - JOHN SIEBEN
WILHELM
META GROTH - JOHN NORMAN

THERESE GROTH^D

ANNA GROTH^D - CARL SCHAEFER

JACOB

GEORGE

OTTO

AUGUSTA GROTH^D

CLARA GROTH^D

GUSTAV GROTH^D - AUGUSTA NEE TISCHER

EDMUND GROTH

ELMER GROTH

PAUL GROTH - JANETTE NEE PRENG

PAUL, JR.

MARJORIE

ANNETTE

ANNETTE GROTH

HILDA GROTH

IN THEIR NEW HOMES

On these acquired homesteads our ancestors spent the remaining days of their earthly life in contentment. They cleared acres after acres of the heavily wooded land, changing the wilderness into productive farm land, progressing with the times as to methods of farming, rebuilding, improving and enlarging their homes and farm buildings. They reared large families and cared for their bodily and spiritual welfare according to their ability and means. As we visualize them at their daily work and business, we cannot help but realize that they had their cares and troubles as they faced the hard tasks of establishing their homes and families in this new land. There was no one to solve their problems for them, they had to do it alone. They did it with the help of God. Under the strain they grew in spirit and mind and had the gratification of seeing Cedarburg grow and develop into a city highly appreciated by its citizens. They saw that their choice was right, for the community of our pioneer forefathers is hard to duplicate as to its location and suitableness for homes. Its farms to this day are productive and promising.

PLANTING OF THE CHURCH

In spite of the hardships and privations they experienced during their early years in the wilderness and in the strange but friendly land, they never lost sight of the purpose for which they had emigrated to America. The establishing of churches and schools was the deepest concern to them. They were fortunate in having their beloved Pastor Kindermann in their midst, who came from Kirchhayn, about seven miles west of Cedarburg, and conducted public services. At first these services were presumably conducted in private homes; later it became necessary to build a permanent building. When that time came Ludwig Groth and his brother-in-law Friederich Dobberpuhl donated an acre of land for a site of the building which is marked by the old abandoned cemetery west of the City of Cedarburg. The building was a log building and its pews were plain benches without back rests. The records show that the Groths took a leading part in all church affairs. They frequently served as members of the Church Boards and were accomplished lay-readers and would conduct the services of the church in the absence of the pastor. When in 1853 it became necessary to build a larger church, they contributed very liberally towards it by furnishing a large part of the materials

needed for the new building. Every act of service for their church was a manifestation of their gratitude towards God for His grace bestowed upon them for having His Word in all its purity and truth in their minds and hearts undefiled and unadulterated. The Word of God was a treasure to them and with the Psalmist they confessed "How sweet are Thy words to my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey in my mouth". "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path". It was a rock of refuge to them. It upheld them in all their cares, worries, and sorrows. They needed it daily. They were athirst and came to the overflowing fountain of life freely. They read the Bible for strength and comfort. All the promises of God were yea and Amen. They grew daily in the fear and knowledge of God.

They were interested in doctrinal discussions and very often took an active part in them. In order that they might get a better understanding of scriptural doctrines, they read Luther's books, studied the synodical papers and reports, and became diligent readers of devotional books. Their efforts were not in vain, for after two generations the Lutheran Church has become a mighty structure and a mighty factor in every phase of our life. Our forefathers were a small part of that early force which under God's guidance has brought about the wonderful growth and development of our Lutheran Church in America. Our present numerous large congregations with their beautiful churches and schools luxuriously furnished, their devoted pastors and teachers, all stand as a monument of the work once so nobly begun by the pioneers among whom the family of Groths are numbered.

The buildings erected by these early pioneers have stood for almost a century. They will stand for many years to come. Their massive walls and their solid construction ought to be frequent reminders to us of the solid Christian heritage which is ours. The very buildings they built are memorials of their great Christian character. They were humble men of God, strong in body and giants of Christian faith.

The enemies of their day were the wild beasts of the woods and the dreaded diseases which were uncontrolled in the pioneer days of our forefathers. We in our generation have more deadly enemies than that. For our enemies are more subtle and more deadly than wild beasts or disease. Our enemies are twentieth century pride and streamlined spiritual indifference. Our forefathers left their homeland and bid farewell to their friends forever when they came to this new land. They chose willingly the hardships of the pioneer days that they and their children and their children's children may not only have liberty

but most of all that they may have pure religion. They literally forsook their homeland, their friends, their houses and their brethren for the Lord's sake. They also found His promise not wanting in its fulfillments that he would grant unto them a hundredfold as a reward for their faithfulness. Their number has greatly increased and God's blessings upon the faithful have never ceased.

For the glorious heritage which is ours we must be eternally thankful. Our gratitude must express itself in faithfulness to the same God and the same Saviour Jesus Christ Who was their stay and strength in every hour of need.

THEIR SCHOOLS

Our forefathers had received a thorough Christian training at their schools in Germany as well as in their homes. They gave evidence of their Christian training and faith at the time they were put to the test. They would not compromise with antibiblical doctrines. They chose to depart into this new land and subject themselves to the rigors of pioneering in the wilderness of the Wisconsin forests rather than give up their faith. They never lost sight of the importance of the best kind of religious training for their children. As soon as possible they built and organized the Christian Day Schools which are also known as parochial or church schools. We must not forget that this venture too was difficult in those days. In the first place the number of children were few for the first years. There was a lack of teachers and funds were not too plentiful. At first these schools were conducted in homes, where parents taught their children the chief parts of the Catechism. It was not until 1855 when the first resident pastor Rev. Robert Graetz was called that the first full time Day School was opened. These schools flourished and grew into strong schools with large enrollments. Considering the circumstances, they were well manned and were perhaps the main factor in the perpetuation of the Faith of our Fathers. In those schools most of the present generation and still many children of our day received and are receiving the same old fundamental Christian training. The best kind of Christian training is none too good for any generation. We are proud to say that many Christian Schools started by our ancestors are still rendering this great service of teaching the Gospel to the young. These schools are also among the blessings of our Christian heritage. May God help us to hold fast to them.

Much more can be said of these our glorious forefathers but space does not permit it. We trust it may contain enough

of the facts of our forebearers that it may cause us to give gratitude to God and earnestly call us to a rededication of our lives to the deep spiritual forces so evident in the lives of our forefathers. We shall fail if we do less. They were great Americans. More than that, they were great Christians.

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hand and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

INTERESTING FACTS OF THEIR EARLY DAYS IN THIS LAND

Upon their arrival at what is now Cedarburg they built a temporary house of brush and branches on the banks of Cedar Creek near the site of the present Woolen Mills. This hut of branches was not so much a protection from the weather as a protection against the wild beasts. Later a permanent house was built at the site of the late F. L. Groth.

In 1834 a road was chopped through the wilderness. This road led from Milwaukee to Green Bay. It led through Hamilton and was frequently used by the Groths in their travels from Cedarburg to Milwaukee.

Oxen were used by these pioneers for farm work. A pair of oxen cost about \$50.00. The price of a cow in pioneer days was around \$20.00.

During the first years of their life in Cedarburg Milwaukee was the nearest supply city. The distance was about 20 miles. These early pioneers walked this distance and carried their necessary provisions on their back. It is said they often carried large sacks of flour the whole distance. They were frequently met by wolves which infested the woods in great numbers.

Their cooking utensils were iron pots and pans. For baking a large oven was erected outside of the log house. These ovens were made out of flat stones bound together by clay. The fire was built on the stone, when heated the ashes were removed and the dough was placed on the hot stones. These ovens were round and dome-shaped, about six feet in diameter. Perhaps as many as twenty large loaves were baked at one time.

Candles were universally used for light. The Groths made their own tallow candles for many years.

The first temporary mill was built in Cedarburg in 1844 by Frederick Hilgen and Schroeder. The present Cedarburg Mill was built in 1855. This mill is located in the heart of the City on Columbia and Portland Avenues.

The first railroad from Milwaukee with Cedarburg as the terminal was built in 1874 through the efforts of Frederick Hilgen.

The Indians were friendly to the newcomers and gladly exchanged venison for bread.

Raspberries, strawberries and blackberries grew wild in the woods. Butternuts and hickory nuts were plentiful.

Highway 57 formerly was a privately owned road with three toll-gates. People traveling to Milwaukee had to pay at each of the three gates.

Deer, wolves, mink, raccoons, skunks, and squirrels roamed in large numbers in the woods. Many game birds, among which the wandering pigeon was most numerous, were sources of provender for the early settlers.

The Irish formed a very large part of the population of Ozaukee County in the pioneer days. Many of them learned to speak low German quite well. However, the Germans were very slow in learning to speak English.

In politics our forefathers were mostly Republican. They opposed secession and slavery. They were much interested in the affairs of government both federal and state. They were diligent in exercising their right to vote and kept themselves abreast of the times. Newspapers were few, but those that were available were diligently read.

Houses and barns were roofed with straw tied in small bundles and fastened with willow rods.

Wooden pegs were often used instead of nails in the construction of buildings.

An open fireplace was the only "stove" both for heating and cooking, and meats were barbecued.

Flint, steel and tinder were used instead of matches.

The settlers were greatly handicapped by the scarcity of money, and paid as much as 12% interest for loans.

Ludwig Groth as early as December 1844 platted a piece of land on both sides of Cedar Creek. See sketch.

Frederick Hilgen and Wilhelm Schroeder were among the first settlers of Cedarburg. They were industrialists using Cedar Creek for water power in their various manufactures.

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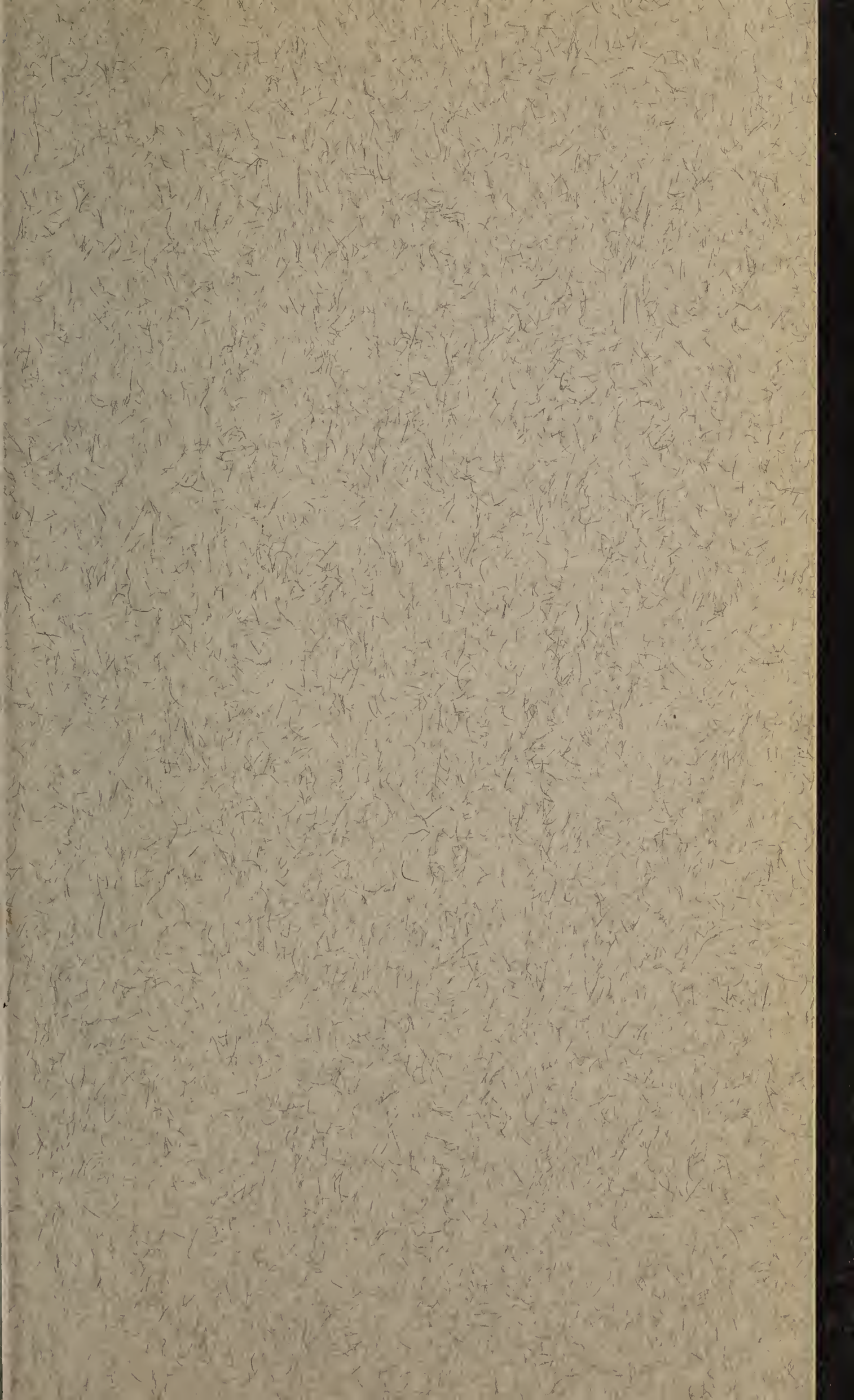
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